



94-21

February 17, 1994

Harmon C. McAllister
Research Director
The Council for Tobacco Research-U.S.A.,Inc.
900 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Dear Harmon:

Each year, the University of Virginia Cancer Center sponsors a Fall Symposium on a topic in basic cancer research. Past topics have included: Molecular Signalling & Cell Structure, Molecular Biology of Human Cancer; Protein Phosphorylation; The Ras Superfamily; Viruses, Oncogenes and Cancer; Gene Regulation; and Signal Transduction. We wish to thank you for your prior financial contribution that helped make the 1992 meeting a great success. For this coming fall, we are organizing a symposium on Cell Signalling, Cell Cycling and Cell Death. Understanding the role of the signal transduction machinery in controlling the decision between growth, differentiation and apoptosis is among the central contemporary issues in molecular oncology and cell biology, and this symposium should help to coalesce emerging ideas on the topic.

Invitees include Charles Sherr (St. Jude Children's Research Hospital), Arnold Levine (Princeton), Timothy Mitchison (Univ. California, San Francisco), James Roberts (Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center), Bert Vogelstein (Johns Hopkins), and Andrew Murray (Univ. California, San Francisco).

The topics to be discussed range from studies on cycling and kinases to cytokinesis to the analysis of programmed cell death. We feel that this conference is particularly timely and will help to focus on new ideas important for improvements in therapies for cancer and other pathologies involving abnormal growth. Given the multi-disciplinary nature of the topic and the outstanding quality of the scientific participants, we expect this symposium to be a major event in this rapidly developing field.

We are writing to ask your financial support for this symposium. Funds will be used to partially offset the costs of travel and local expenses of the speakers. We would, of course acknowledge your contributions in the program and in any advertisements for the Symposium which are prepared subsequent to receiving a commitment from you. In addition, if The Council for Tobacco Research scientists wish to attend the Symposium and engage in discussions with the participants or if sales representatives from The Council for Tobacco Research would like to set up a display at the Symposium, they would be made most welcome.

We look forward to hearing from you, and to your support for a stimulating meeting.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Weber

Professor of Microbiology

J. Thomas Parsons

Professor of Microbiology